

General Provisions

The Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges across the county. A primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the management and protection of all species of wildlife. The hunting of animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations.

General Hunting Regulations

The refuge is open to hunting the following species only: squirrel, raccoon, deer, turkey, and Canada goose. Beaver, and coyote may be taken on a scheduled hunt for other species with any weapon legal for the hunts. No taking of turtles or bullfrogs on refuge. Hunting is permitted on various portions of Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge with the exception of those areas marked “Closed” on the map or by “Closed Area” signs on refuge lands or waters. Applicable Federal and State laws and regulations apply.

ATV use on the refuge is prohibited.

Camping and campfires on the refuge are prohibited.

Vehicles must remain on refuge roads that are shown on map and designated open. Horses and mules are prohibited on all refuge hunts.

It is unlawful to hunt within 100 yards of a private dwelling, and to access the refuge across private land without permission.

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts is prohibited.

Firearms being transported in vehicles must be unloaded and encased or dismantled. Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the priming powder or cap is removed.

Temporary blinds or stands permitted on the day of the hunt only. All blinds and stands must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt.

Except for raccoon hunting, access on the refuge is 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset.

All hunters born after January 1, 1969 must have completed a hunter safety course as demonstrated by card or certificate.

Permits

Each quota or non-quota hunter, age 16 and older, must have on his person a valid State hunting license **and** a Refuge Annual Hunting Permit. There is a \$12.50 fee for this permit which is valid for all quota and non-quota hunting. If you have been drawn for a quota hunt and already have your Refuge Annual Hunting Permit, there is no additional permit fee.

To obtain a Refuge Annual Hunting Permit, mail in the form at the end of this brochure or come by the Refuge Headquarters at 3006 Dinkins Lane in Paris from 7:00 am – 3:30 pm Monday – Friday. Enclose \$12.50 and a completed form for each permit requested. The permit fee is non-refundable and the permit is non-transferable.

Youth Hunters

Hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older who has a refuge hunting permit on his person. The adult must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the youth supervised. For small game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than 2 youths. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than one youth.

Non-Quota Hunts

*Squirrel*  
Fourth Saturday in August through November 14. Season closed during weekend quota deer hunts. State bag limits apply.

*Deer/Turkey - Archery only*  
State archery season through November 5. Season closed during weekend quota deer hunts. State bag limits apply. Check deer at nearest check station and make sure Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “location of kill.” Deer and turkey taken **are counted** as part of the statewide bag limit.

*Turkey*  
Spring turkey season open with statewide season. Fall season closed during weekend quota deer hunts. Bag limit – one bearded turkey per season. Calling or attempting to call turkeys on the refuge is prohibited from March 1 until the opening of turkey season. Check turkey at nearest check station and make sure Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “location of kill”. Turkeys taken on the refuge **are part of** the statewide bag limit.

*Raccoon*  
October 18, 19, 20 and November 1,2,3 only. State bag limits apply.

*September Resident Canada Goose*  
See separate hunt regulations handout available at refuge headquarters.

Quota Hunts

*Deer*  
Note: All refuge quota hunts require an application. See section “How to Apply.” All deer killed on the refuge must be checked into the nearest check station. Make sure Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “location of kill.”

Deer taken during refuge **quota** hunts **are not counted** in regular season bag and possession limits.

Scouting during quota hunts is prohibited.

Hunters must wear on the upper portion of body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange during all refuge quota hunts including the primitive weapon hunt.

How to Apply for Quota Hunts

To apply for a quota hunt you must obtain a separate computer scanned application form. A **\$5.00 application fee** must be submitted with all quota hunt applications except for youth quota hunt applicants. **Quota hunt applications received without this fee will be returned.** Submissions of any persons name more than once for the same type of hunt will result in disqualification.

Mail application form to:  
Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge  
3006 Dinkins Lane  
Paris, TN 38242

Application forms must be received by August 1. After August 1, the drawing will be conducted by random computer drawing. If drawn the hunter will receive a quota hunt permit by mail. Rejection notices will be mailed out to those not successfully drawn. Adults may be drawn only once for any type of hunt (i.e. primitive weapons or firearms). Youth hunters may be drawn for a youth hunt in addition to another type hunt. **A successfully drawn applicant must purchase a Refuge Annual Hunt Permit at a cost of \$12.50.** (See box under Permits.) Quota hunt permits are non-transferable.

**Preference Points:** Each time you apply and are not drawn for a permit you will receive one preference point. For the deer quota drawing, the computer will search the previous three year’s record and calculate the average preference points for you or your group. Groups and individuals with the highest average preference points will be drawn first, groups and individuals with the next highest will be drawn second, etc. until all permits are filled. After you are drawn for a quota hunt permit, your preference points equal zero.

**Group Applications:** Up to five hunters may apply as a party hunt by completing an application for each hunter and returning all applications together in the same envelope. **Separate party hunts must come in separate envelopes. To avoid errors only one computer application from each party hunt should have the group’s Hunt Code choices and Hunt Area choices marked.**

**Youth Applications:** Youth applicants applying for the youth quota hunt weekend are required to submit a separate computer scanned application form marked only with choice “B” in the Hunt Code. Youth hunters may also submit a second application form for other quota hunts without being disqualified. No application fee required for youth hunters.

**Application Instructions:** The accuracy of data from a computer-scanned application depends on the person filling out the application. **Please read and follow all instructions exactly! Do not put additional folds or staples in the applications. Use original applications only; the computer cannot scan copies.**

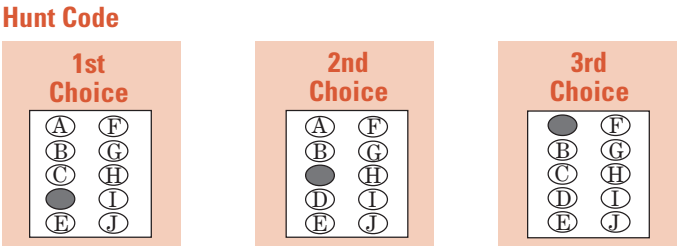
**Application Side 1:**  
Mark only one 1<sup>st</sup> choice, one 2<sup>nd</sup> choice and one 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.

Hunt Type	Hunt Code	Date	Bag Limit
Primitive Weapons	A	Sept. 18-19	2 deer either sex
Youth G/A/M	B	Oct. 2-3	2 deer either sex
Firearms G/A/M	C	Oct. 16 - 17	2 deer (antlerless only)
	D	Oct. 30-31	2 deer (antlerless only)
	E	Nov. 13-14	2 (one must be antlerless)

Primitive Weapons – Long bow, Recurve bow, and Side-hammered muzzleloader with iron sites only

G/A/M – Gun/Archery/Muzzleloader

**Example:**  
Hunters applying for a Firearms permit for October 30-31 (Hunt Code D) first choice  
Firearms permit for October 16-17 (Hunt Code C) second choice  
Primitive Weapons permit September 18-19 (Hunt Code A) third choice would indicate their selection as follows:



**Hunt Area: Mark only one 1st choice, one 2nd choice and one 3rd choice.** If you do not have a hunt area preference, leave this section blank and the computer will assign an area. Please see map and table on the back side of the brochure for Hunt Area choices.

**Application Side 2:**  
Name, address, etc. must be completed for each hunter in the group. Please fill in ovals for **ALL** information.

Provide all requested information by printing clearly in the appropriate squares, and then darkening the corresponding oval below each square. Be sure to leave a space between street number and street name.

**Applications that are not completed will be returned!**

Refuge Hunt Area	Hunt Area	Permits Available (per quota hunt)
Sulphur Well/Britton Ford	1	35
Big Sandy Peninsula	2	75
Duck River Bottoms	3	100
Duck River Remainder	4	50
Busseltown	5	50

Request Form For Refuge Annual Hunting Permit

To receive your refuge hunting permit, tear off form, fill out all information and send with a check or money order for \$12.50. Make checks payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mail this request form to the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, 3006 Dinkins Lane, Paris, TN 38242. A Refuge Annual Hunting Permit will be mailed back to you. This permit is nontransferable and nonrefundable.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

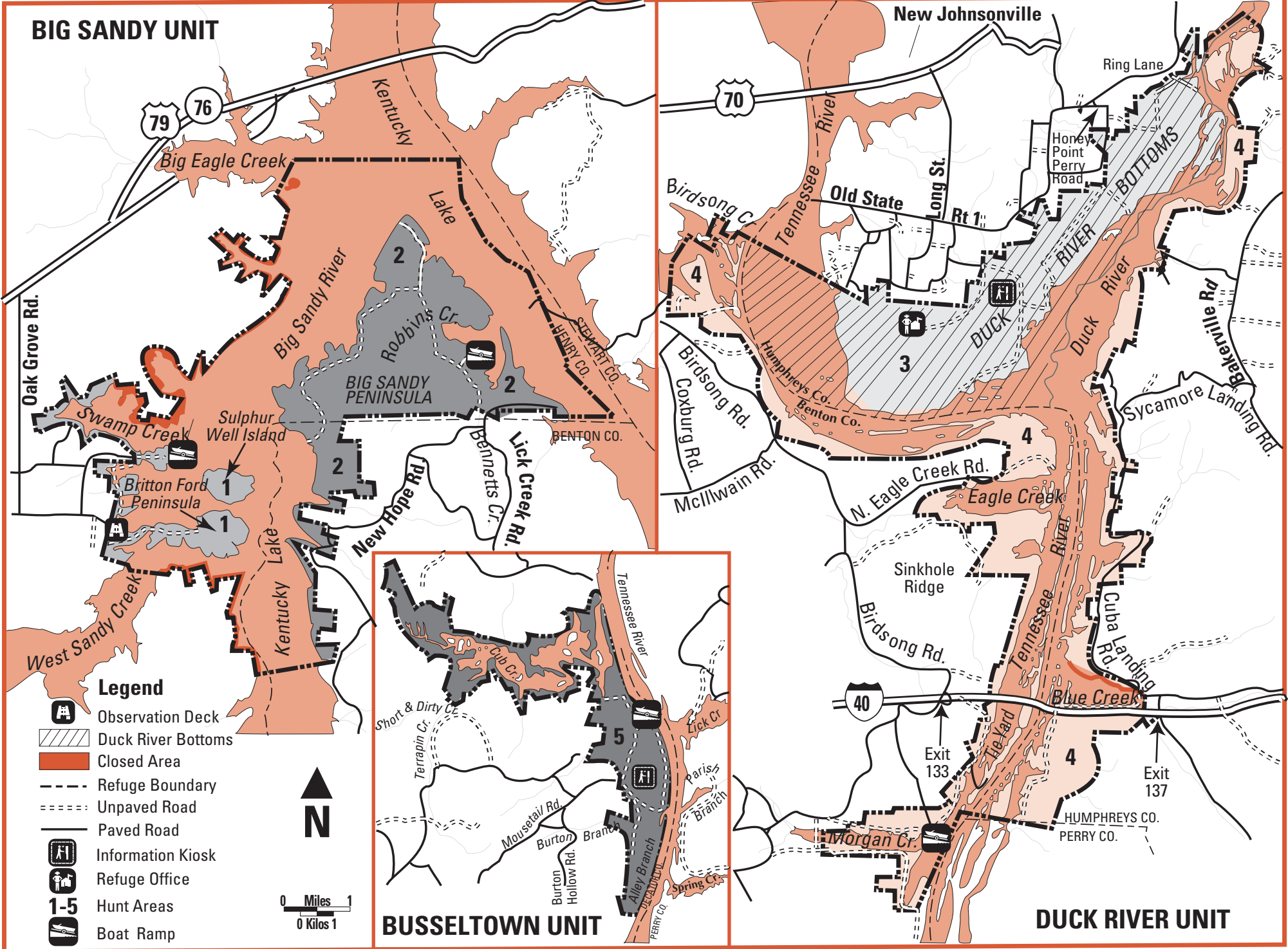
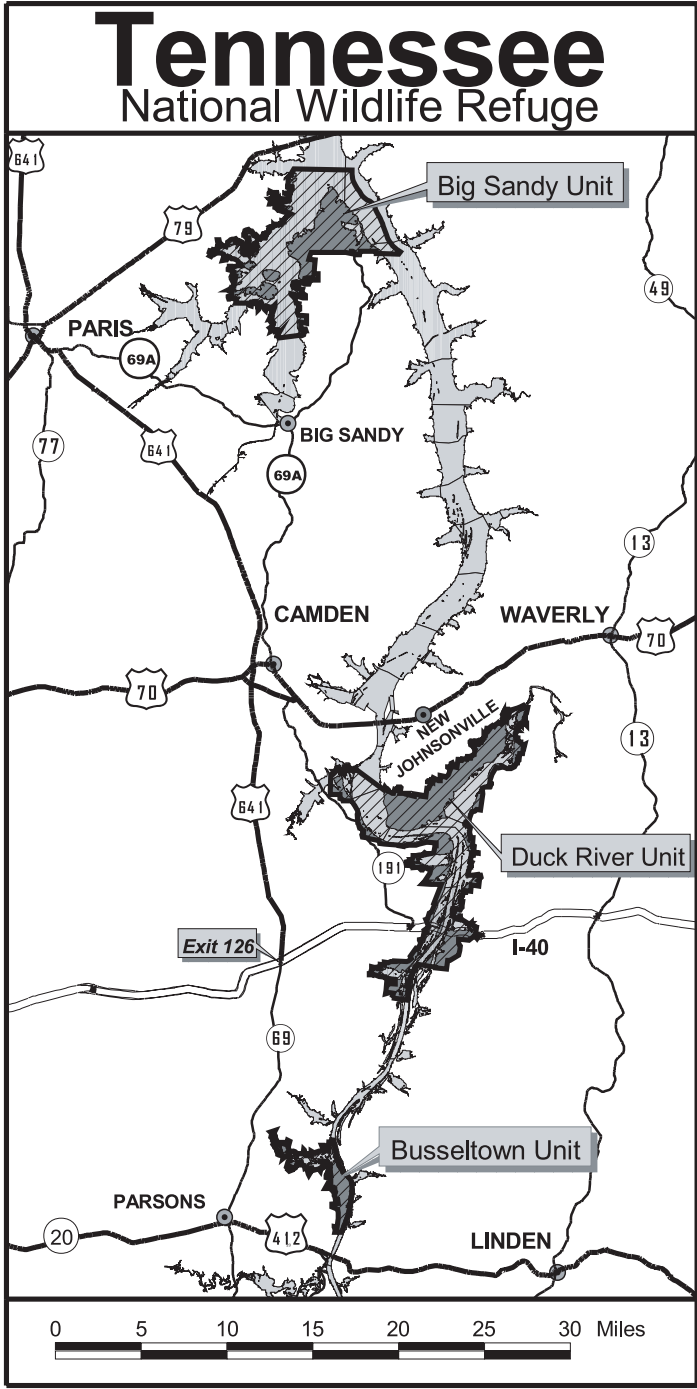
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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TWRA ID# \_\_\_\_\_ (found on state license or by calling 1-888/891 8972)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_





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### Hunting Regulations

### and Non-Quota Permit

### 2004-2005



#### Changes to the Hunt Program

- New September resident Canada Goose hunts
- New \$5.00 quota hunt application fee
- New primitive weapon hunt